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NEITHER MAN, NOR BEAST... AN UNWORLDLY PRESENCE CALLED...

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WELL, JOE---HERE WE ARE,
AT THE VERY SPOT WHERE
DOC ADAMS DISAPPEARED...
WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE
ABOMINABLE SNOW-MAN!

YES---AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE
WHO VANISHED WITHOUT
A TRACE!

AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION FORWARD
CAMP SOMEWHERE IN THE ARCTIC...

JOE, WHAT DO YOU
MAKE OF IT? IS
THERE AN ABOMINABLE
SNOW-MAN, AS THE
NATIVES CLAIM? OR
IS IT SUPERSTITION?

DOC ADAMS
REPORTED THAT
HE'D SIGHTED
SOMETHING
ANSWERING THE
DESCRIPTION OF
THE ABOMINABLE
SNOW-MAN---AND
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE
--TO TRY AND FIND HIM,
AND TO CHECK HIS
STORY...

THE THING IS THOUGH THE REPORTS
ABOUT THE SNOW MAN ORIGINATE IN
THIS AREA, NO ONE BESIDE ADAM HAS
EVER SEEN ONE...



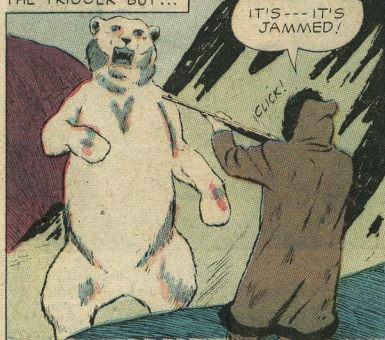
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AS DAVE FELL, THE BEAR TURNED TO JOE, WHO RAISED HIS RIFLE AND PULLS THE TRIGGER BUT...



THE BEAR FALLS DEAD, SLAIN BY AN
ICE SPEAR...

HE'S DEAD! WHO THREW---???
NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-MAN!



WAIT! WAIT!



I'LL TAKE DAVE
BACK TO CAMP
AND THEN
I'LL GO
AFTER THE
SNOW-MAN.



LATER— JOE FOLLOWS THE TRAIL UNTIL...

THE SNOWFALL IS STARTING TO OBLITERATE
THE TRACKS. I'D BETTER MARK THIS SPOT
AND GO BACK TO CAMP FOR HELP!



I'VE LOST DIRECTION! I DON'T
KNOW WHERE CAMP LIES!



I--I--MUSTN'T PANIC! HAVE TO TRY
AND RETRACE MY STEPS...



BUT AS JOE MOVES ON, THE SNOW
STORM DEVELOPS AND HE IS BLINDED BY
THE SWIRLING FLAKES...



ON AND ON HE TREKS, UNTIL...

THERE'S SOMETHING UP THERE
IN FRONT OF ME! WELL, I'M
NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES!
WHO'S THERE? ANSWER ME?
WHO'S THERE?

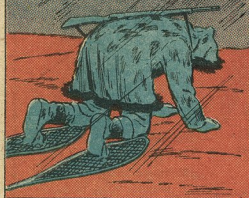


ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU WANT!



JOE PURSUES THE ELUSIVE
FIGURE, UNTIL HE FALLS EX-
HAUSTED.

CAN'T--GO ON
ANOTHER STEP...



WHAT---???
WHAT'S THAT??



SUMMONING HIS LAST STRENGTH, JOE FLEES...

JOE! JOE CAMPBELL!

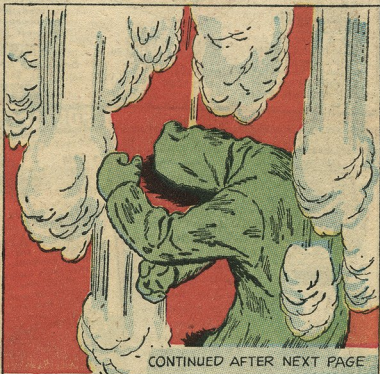
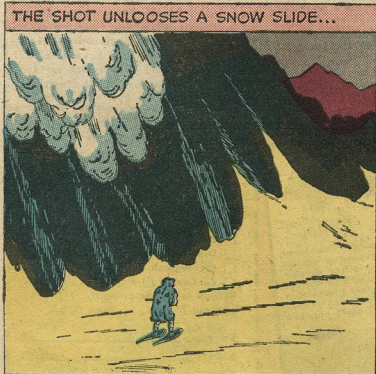
THEY KNOW ME!
HOW CAN I GET
AWAY FROM THEM?



HE TURNS AND RAISES HIS GUN AND FIRES
WILDLY.



THE SHOT UNLOOSES A SNOW SLIDE...



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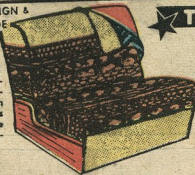
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DESPERATELY, JOE ATTEMPTS TO DIG HIS WAY OUT...



NO USE... I'M TRAPPED...



DIGGING... SOMEONE'S DIGGING! THE SNOW-MAN! HE'S COMING AFTER ME!



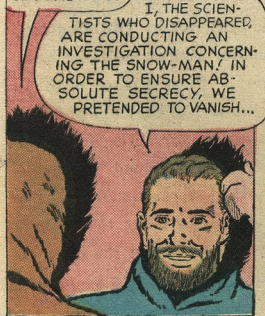
YOU SURE GAVE US A HARD TIME, JOE!

WHO--WHAT--- ARE YOU?



DOC ADAMS! BUT-- BUT-- I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO, JOE! THESE OTHERS AND I, THE SCIENTISTS WHO DISAPPEARED, ARE CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE SNOW-MAN! IN ORDER TO ENSURE ABSOLUTE SECRECY, WE PRETENDED TO VANISH...



YOU SEE, IF WE FIND THE SNOW-MAN, IF HE EXISTS, WE EXPECT TO UNCOVER GREAT ANTHROPOLOGICAL FACTS ABOUT PRIMITIVE LIFE IN THE ARCTIC. IF THERE IS NO SNOW-MAN, THEN WE WILL BE SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MYTH IN THE STORIES ABOUT HIM!



WELL, YOUR INVESTIGATIONS ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT-- BUT YOU ALMOST SCARED ME TO DEATH!





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SUPERSTITIONS

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To cure a sty on the eye, the following methods were believed to be effective in the best social circles during the Middle Ages. (1) On the night of the new moon, procure the tail of an entirely black cat. Take out one hair and rub the end of it gently over the sty nine times, one for each life of the cat. Properly done this will cure the sty. Or, if you happen to be well off and have one, rub your sty nine times with a solid gold wedding ring or the finger ring of an unmarried lady will do almost as well.

OLD SHOES

Throwing an old shoe after a bride will bring her and her husband good luck. Whence the custom even to this day of a pair of old shoes tied to the rear of the auto in which the newlyweds depart. However, the happy pair had better remember that it is lucky to burn old boots before starting out on any sort of journey.

LEFT HAND TURN

From ancient days, the left side of anything has been considered by the superstitious to be the evil side. For example, even today, one hears it said that a person in a grouch or temper must have got out on the wrong side of the bed that morning, meaning the left side. And to step into a house, left foot first, was thought surely to bring

destruction to the house by fire or sickness to the occupants thereof.

CLOCK LORE

Beware if the town clock should strike at the same moment that church bells are ringing. It means that there will soon be a big fire in town. And, if a clock that has not struck in a long time suddenly starts going again, one cannot possibly avoid a death in the family. And just as bad is for a town clock to strike the hour while the minister is reading the text of his sermon out loud. There will surely follow a death in the congregation. But, one of the strangest things that ever happened in England was the way that a clock stopped when it was cursed by an innocent man who had been condemned to death. It never ran again.

APPLE CROP INSURANCE

In the apple orchards of Old England, there was a popular custom called "Wassailing the Apples." First a piece of toast was inserted in the fork of the best and biggest apple tree in the orchard. Then the farmer and his men were helped by traveling wassailers, all of whom stood around a tree and drank hard old cider to the new crop. And it was declared that the more cider consumed the more bushels of apples would be produced.

HE HAD STOLEN SOMETHING THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BEG FOR! BUT THE ODD
SUBSTANCE WAS MORE THAN JUST A FOOD! IT WAS REALLY...

Food For Thought

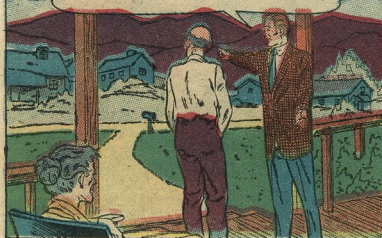


PRICE, GIVE IT BACK
TO ME! IT'S NOT FOR
YOU! YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

DON'T I! I'M HOLDING A MIRACLE
IN MY HAND! AND I'M KEEPING IT!
YOU AND THE OTHER HICKS IN THIS
TOWN DON'T DESERVE IT!

IF MATT PRICE HAD BEEN LESS GREEDY,
LESS SELFISH, HE MIGHT NEVER HAVE
LEARNED THE TRUTH! BUT PRICE WAS
GREEDY! AND SO...

LOOK AT IT! THIS ISN'T
A TOWN, IT'S A CEMETERY! ISOLATED,
BURIED IN THESE MOUNTAINS! I HATE IT!
AND YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE A STORY
LIKE THAT? A MIRACLE? HERE?



NOT A MIRACLE, SON!
A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY!
YOU ASKED US HOW
WE LIVED! NOW YOU
KNOW!

SURE! THERE'S AN
OLD GUY IN TOWN
WHO MAKES SOME
KIND OF STUFF THAT
THAT HE GIVES OUT
FREE! A FOOD THAT
TASTES LIKE WHAT-
EVER YOU WANT IT
TO TASTE LIKE! I'LL
BET!



THE ONLY THING THIS TOWN
EVER PRODUCED IS MISERY!

THEN WHY DID YOU
COME BACK, MATT?
TO SEE US? NO! YOU
NEVER DID CARE
ABOUT YOUR
PARENTS! WHY?



THAT'S EASY!
I'M BROKE!
IT TAKES
DOUGH TO
LIVE IN A
BIG TOWN
AND I HAD
A RUN OF
TOUGH
LUCK!



I SEE! BUT--
I'M SORRY!
WE HAVE NO
MONEY! WE
HAVE NO NEED
FOR MONEY!
NOT SINCE PAUL
EMERY MADE
HIS DISCOVERY!

PAUL EMERY! I REMEMBER
HIM! A FARMER! HE ALWAYS
DID LIKE TO FOOL AROUND
WITH CHEMICALS, BUT IF HE
EVER DISCOVERED ANYTHING,
I'M SANTA CLAUS! AND I'LL
GET SOME MONEY!
SOMEWHERE!



SOMEWHERE-- BUT WHERE? PRICE SNEERED,
WALKED THROUGH THE ISOLATED TOWN HE
HATED! AND HE HAD ONLY ONE THOUGHT!
TO GET AWAY!

THAT'S EMERY'S
PLACE! I WONDER...



HELLO, EMERY! IS
THAT THE STUFF I'VE
BEEN HEARING SO
MUCH ABOUT?

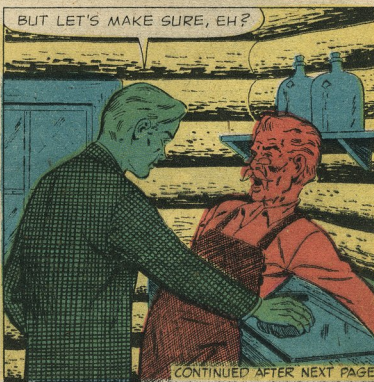
PRICE! I HEARD YOU
WERE BACK! YEAH,
IT IS! BUT-- IT'S NOT
FOR YOU!



NO? I THINK YOU'RE A
FAKE EMERY...



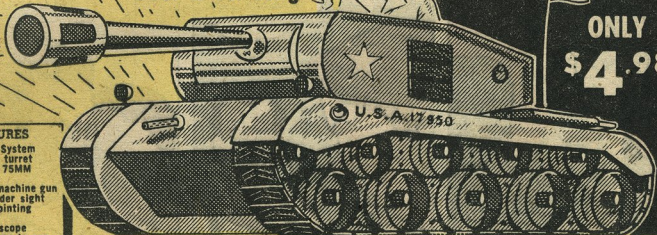
BUT LET'S MAKE SURE, EH?



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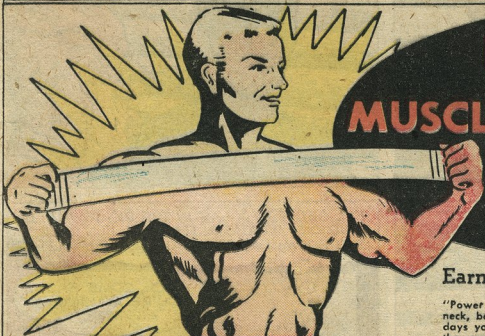
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IT'S TRUE! YOU'VE FOUND A FOOD THAT TASTES LIKE ANYTHING YOU WANT IT TO! YOU!



THAT'S RIGHT, PRICE! AND I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! BUT THE ANSWER IS NO! I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T FOR YOU!

NO, IT'S FOR EVERYONE! THE WHOLE WORLD! EMERY -- THIS THING IS WORTH A FORTUNE! HOW DO YOU MAKE IT? WHAT DO YOU USE?



I'LL NEVER TELL YOU THAT!

YOU'LL TELL ME! YOU STUPID HAYSEED, WE COULD MAKE OURSELVES RICH WITH THIS!

WE COULD -- BUT WE WON'T! THERE ARE REASONS!



WHEN A MAN MEANS WHAT HE SAYS -- IT SHOWS! AND EMERY MEANT WHAT HE SAID! HE WOULD NEVER TELL! BUT WHAT WAS THAT TO PRICE?

OKAY! PLAY DUMB! BUT THERES MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT!



STAY IN THIS MISERABLE TOWN AND ROT! BUT NOT ME! I'M HEADING FOR THE CITY, AND THIS IS GOING WITH ME!



I'LL GET IT TO A LAB IN THE BIG TOWN! I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S IN IT! THEN I'LL SELL THE FORMULA! I'LL MAKE A MILLION!



PRICE, COME BACK! YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!

BUT PRICE DID NOT COME BACK! PRICE HAD PLANS, AND THEY DID NOT INCLUDE STAYING IN THE TOWN WHERE HE HAD BEEN BORN!

THIS TIME I'LL NEVER COME BACK! I ALWAYS HATED THAT TOWN! NOW, I WON'T EVER HAVE ANY REASON TO COME BACK!



PPRICE WALKED! MILE AFTER WEARY MILE! BUT HIS FEET WERE TIRED! AND IN TIME HE BECAME HUNGRY!



WHAT IN...



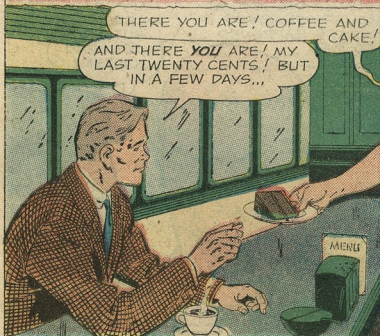
IT--IT'S FALLING APART! AND IT TASTED LIKE MUD, EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT OF ROAST BEEF! I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK! THIS CHUNK MUST BE SO OLD IT'S ROTTING!



BUT--IT WAS A LONG WAY BACK! AND PRICE WAS STILL HUNGRY...

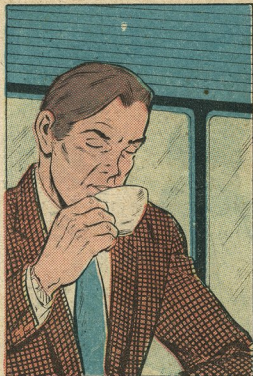
THERE YOU ARE! COFFEE AND CAKE!

AND THERE **YOU** ARE! MY LAST TWENTY CENTS! BUT IN A FEW DAYS...



WAIT A MINUTE! THIS CAKE... IT'S SPOILED! ROTTEN!



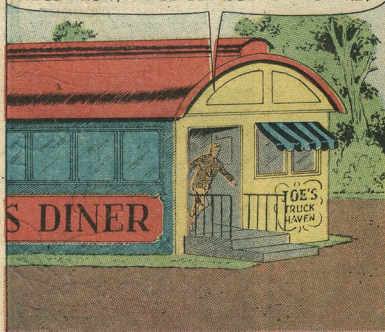


THIS TASTES THE SAME! IT CAN'T BE THE FOOD! IT MUST BE ME! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO ME!



THAT STUFF! IT'S DONE SOMETHING TO ME! EMERY WARNED ME NOT TO EAT IT! HUH?

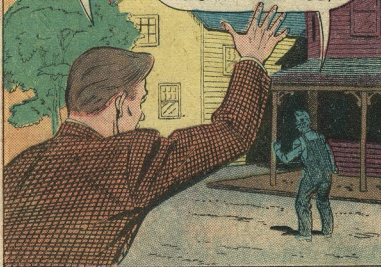
I'VE GOT TO GET TO HIM! IT MAY BE SERIOUS! HE'LL KNOW! HE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP ME!



SOMEHOW PRICE MADE IT! EVEN THEN, HE COULD HATE THE TOWN! BUT HIS THOUGHTS WERE NOT OF THE TOWN, THEN!

EMERY! I NEED HELP! I'M SICK!

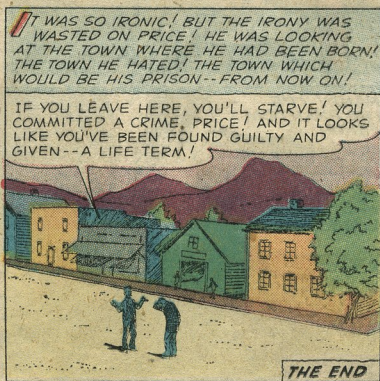
NO, YOU'RE NOT SICK, PRICE! I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HELP YOU!



CAN'T? YOU MEAN YOU WON'T! THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THAT STUFF! WHAT WAS IT? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?

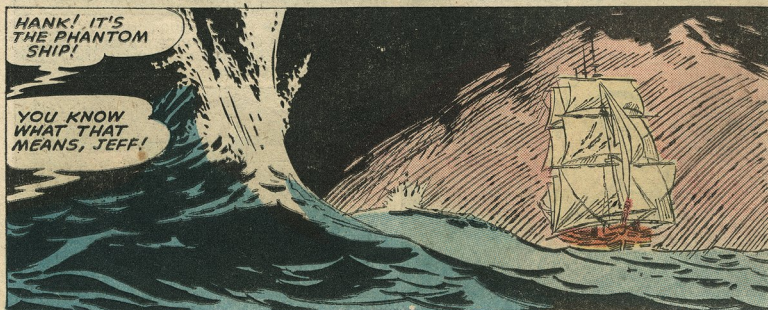
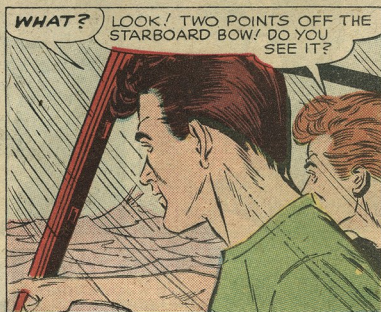
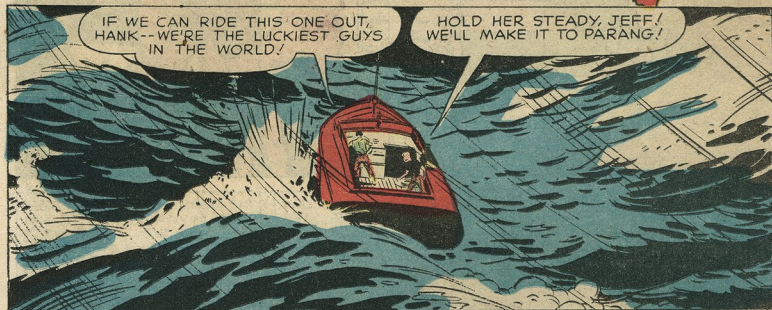
JUST WHAT I KNEW WOULD HAPPEN! I WARNED YOU, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN!





THEY FEARED THE PHANTOM SHIP OF THE SOUTH SEAS...FOR THE LEGEND WAS THAT THOSE WHO SAW IT WERE DOOMED. YET, THE PHANTOM SHIP COULD LEAD THE WAY TO FABULOUS TREASURE...IF ONE DARED DEFEY THE CURSE AND FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF...

The Phantom Ship





AH, YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT NATIVE BUNK!

I'VE BEEN AROUND THE ISLANDS A LONG TIME, JEFF... IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE!



THEY SAY THOSE WHO SEE THE PHANTOM SHIP ARE DOOMED--BUT THOSE WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW IN ITS WAKE WILL FIND A FABULOUS TREASURE! WHAT SAY, HANK? LET'S GO AFTER HER, HUH?



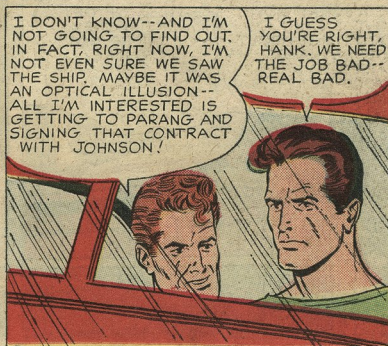
DON'T BE A FOOL, MAN! WE'RE GOING TO PARANG!

WHY, HANK! YOU'RE SCARED! HANK GORDON--SCARED! THAT'S ONE FOR THE BOOKS!



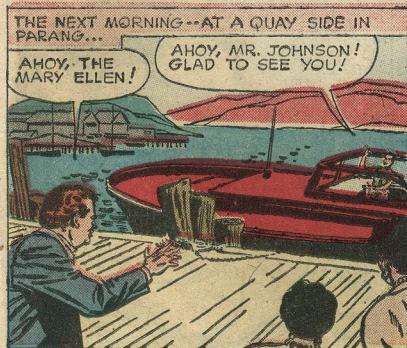
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK OF ME, JEFF! I'VE SEEN ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SOME TRUTH BEHIND THE NATIVE LEGENDS.

OKAY. WHICH LEGEND DO YOU BELIEVE? ARE WE DOOMED BY SEEING THE PHANTOM SHIP--OR WOULD WE FIND TREASURE BY FOLLOWING IT?



I DON'T KNOW--AND I'M NOT GOING TO FIND OUT. IN FACT, RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT EVEN SURE WE SAW THE SHIP. MAYBE IT WAS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION--ALL I'M INTERESTED IS GETTING TO PARANG AND SIGNING THAT CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, HANK. WE NEED THE JOB BAD--REAL BAD.



THE NEXT MORNING--AT A QUAY SIDE IN PARANG...

AHOY, THE MARY ELLEN!

AHOY, MR. JOHNSON! GLAD TO SEE YOU!



WELL, LADS-- YOU MADE IT, EH? I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU DURING THE STORM. THE WIND SNARLED LIKE A BEAST...

IT WAS BAD, SIR! BUT WE'RE HERE...

AND RARING TO GO. THE MARY ELLEN'S IN FINE SHAPE. WE CAN SAIL TODAY, IF YOU WANT US TO...

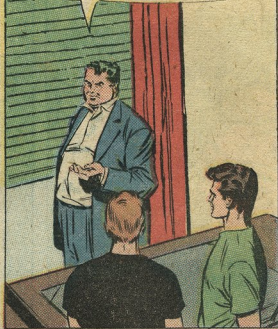
BOYS, THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF PLAN. I'M NOT GOING TO USE YOU FOR THE JOB I HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED...



I WANT YOU ON A SPECIAL MISSION, VERY DANGEROUS. BUT I'M AFRAID THE PAY WILL NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THE PERILS...

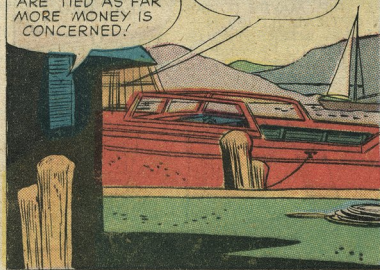


WAIT A MINUTE...WE'RE NOT IN THIS FOR FUN! WE'RE FOR HIRE-- AND OUR PRICE GOES UP AS THE RISK RISES..



I'M SORRY BOYS, BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! MY HANDS ARE TIED AS FAR MORE MONEY IS CONCERNED!

EITHER WE GET MORE MONEY OR WE'RE NOT FOR HIRE!

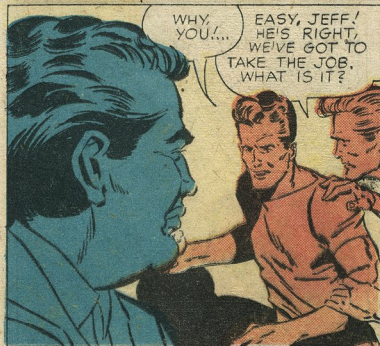


TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT, LAD!

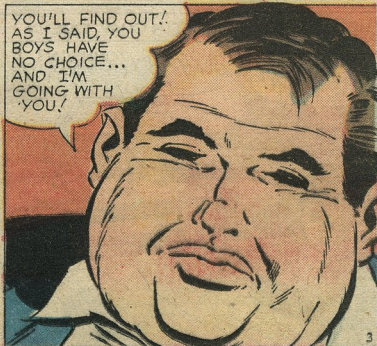


WHY, YOU!...

EASY, JEFF! HE'S RIGHT, WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE JOB. WHAT IS IT?



YOU'LL FIND OUT! AS I SAID, YOU BOYS HAVE NO CHOICE... AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!

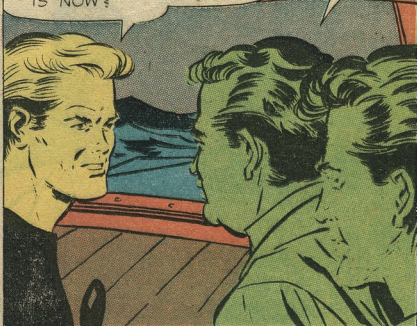


LATER, WITH JOHNSON ABOARD, JEFF AND HANK SET SAIL...

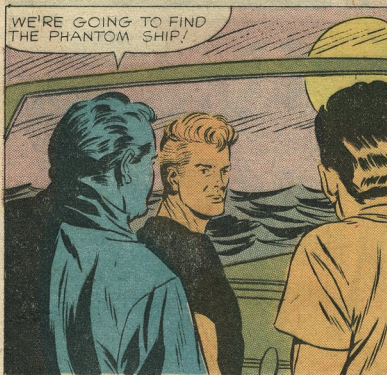


WELL, JOHNSON -- CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE DEAL IS NOW?

YES...

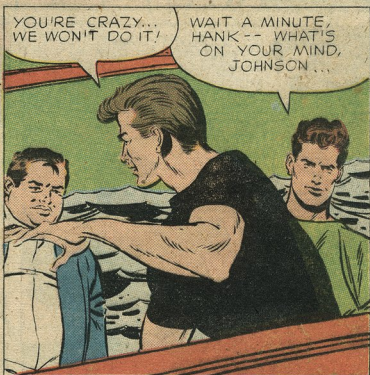


WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE PHANTOM SHIP!



YOU'RE CRAZY... WE WON'T DO IT!

WAIT A MINUTE, HANK -- WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, JOHNSON...



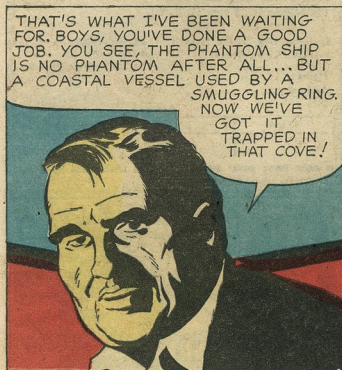
I CAN'T TELL YOU RIGHT NOW...



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It was midnight, and a moaning wintry wind rattled the big windows of the old castle and whistle through the dead branches on the tall trees.

Grandpa Stoneybrook sat hunched before a log fire in the huge stone fireplace, stroking his long gray beard and frowning at the leaping flames on the ancestral hearth. But he could not find there the answer to his financial troubles.

So he groaned a little as he got up on his long skinny legs and walked around the big hall of the castle, looking up at the large oil paintings of his ancestors, who stared back at him as if they didn't care whether he had enough money to pay the taxes on his big estate or not.

"All right, all right," he shouted in a voice that echoed through the huge rooms on the ground floor of the castle, "instead of just staring at me as if I were some sort of worm, why don't you do something to help me before your home and mine for six generations is sold on the auction block for taxes?"

Suddenly, there was a whispering sound in the air. And just as suddenly old Donald Stoneybrook saw his dignified ancestors leave their heavy gold frames on the wall and gather like white clouds in front of the fireplace. And then the tallest ghost, old great, great grandfather Paxton, beckoned with his index finger to the other ghosts and they all put their heads together in a huddle like football players. And then the ghost of old Paxton straightened up and crooked its

long finger at old Donald, who, big eyed with awe and fear, walked over to the fireplace and listened.

"Why don't you sell the old castle," Paxton whispered, "to somebody who can afford to own it? We were thinking of moving to new and better quarters anyway."

Donald laughed bitterly, "For the good and simple reason," he said, "that not even the rich these days can afford to pay the servants to run a place as big as this."

And then Donald saw the ghosts go into another huddle. And finally old Paxton crooked his finger again and whispered to Donald, "Your ancestors, Donald, have decided to save you from bankruptcy. You can tell the real estate agents that any buyer can live here free for one month and all the servant chores will be taken care of without charge forever, if he buys the place."

Well, that did it. A millionaire oil man from Texas moved in and the ghosts of Donald Stoneybrook's ancestors did, unseen, all the work around the place without any noise or fuss. They cleaned house, cooked the meals, raked the leaves, and did any other necessary chores.

This worked out fine and the Texan was more than happy with the deal. Also the Stoneybrook ghosts were happy because they had something to do and once a year when the Texan went on his regular six week vacation they would go and visit with old Donald Stoneybrook and let him know all about the castle.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

LISTEN TO ME! YOU FOOLS!
YOU'RE ALL BLIND! WHAT'S
WRONG WITH YOU! THIS IS
ME, SAM MASON! I'M HERE!
WHY CAN'T YOU SEE ME!



BEYOND THAT DOOR—IT WAITED. THE GALLOWS,
AND SO—SAM MASON TREMBLED, FOR ALL HIS
SIZE, FOR ALL HIS TOUGHNESS...

NO...NO! YOU CAN'T
HANG ME! YOU CAN'T!

WHY MAKE IT
TOUGHER, MASON? YOU
KILLED A MAN IN COLD
BLOOD. NOW, YOU'VE
GOT TO PAY FOR IT!



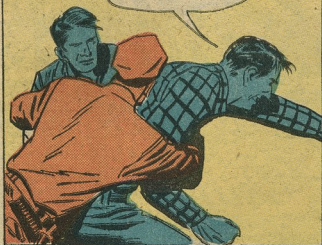
NO! THE LAW WOULD
NEVER HAVE GOTTEN
ME. IF NOT FOR
ANDREWS! I DON'T
WANT TO DIE! BUT
IF I DO, ANDREWS
WILL DIE, TOO!
HE'LL PAY!

ANDREWS
IS SHERIFF
OF THIS
COUNTY,
MASON. HE
WAS JUST
DOING HIS
JOB. WHY HATE
HIM?

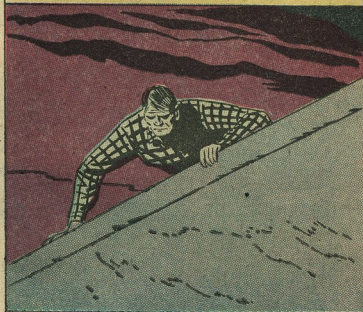


WHY? WHY DOES AN ANIMAL HATE?
BECAUSE IT IS AN ANIMAL. AND SAM
MASON WAS LIKE AN ANIMAL. HE
WAS A BULLY, A LIAR, A CHEAT...

NO! I'M NOT GOING TO
DIE! NOT TILL I GET
ANDREWS!



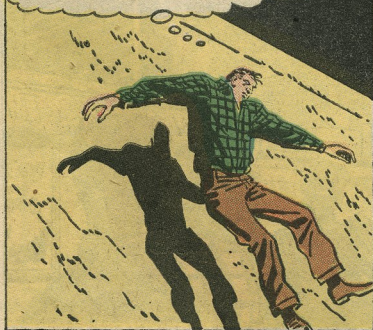
SAM MASON FOUGHT—AND A SUDDEN
DIZZY SPELL HIT HIM. AFTER THAT,
HE ONLY KNEW DARKNESS. AND THEN...



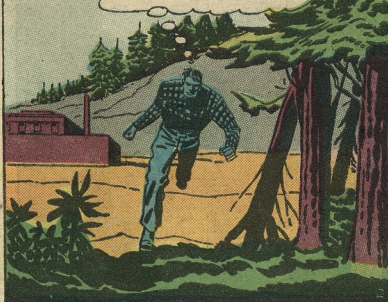
I—I'M FREE! BUT—HOW? HOW DID
I GET HERE? I DON'T REMEMBER!



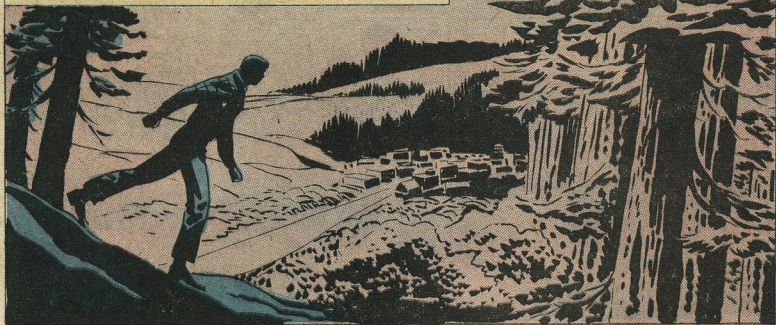
BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO WONDER!
I'VE GOT A CHORE TO DO!



I'M COMING, ANDREWS! I'M COMING TO
FIND YOU! MAYBE I'VE GOT TO PAY FOR
KILLING THAT LOGGER! BUT YOU'LL PAY,
TOO! FOR MY LIFE!



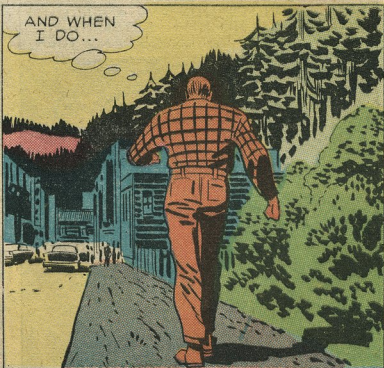
SAM MASON RAN, FLEW, LIKE A BIRD OF ILL OMEN, CARRYING HATRED WITH HIM, BACK TO THE LUMBER TOWN FROM WHICH HE HAD COME...



THERE IT IS! SOMEWHERE DOWN THAT HILL, TO THAT TOWN, BUT MASON WAS MAD—MAD WITH BITTERNESS, WITH HATRED...



AND WHEN I DO...



ONLY A FOOL WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN THAT HILL, TO THAT TOWN, BUT MASON WAS MAD—MAD WITH BITTERNESS, WITH HATRED...

THOSE MEN—THEY WORKED WITH ME AT THE LUMBER CAMP! THEY'LL RECOGNIZE ME...

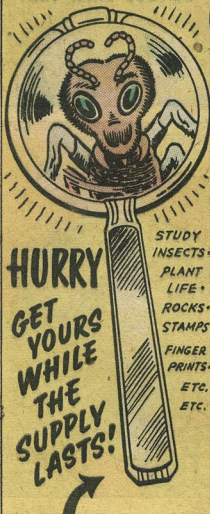


THEY—THEY LOOKED RIGHT AT ME! BUT MY LUCK'S HOLDING! THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME! BUT MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THEY HAD! THEN ANDREWS WOULD COME AFTER ME! THAT BAR...THEY'LL KNOW ME IN THERE!



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 LOOK LIKE ELEPHANTS!



THIS MUST BE A
 ROBBER'S
 HIDING
 PLACE!

OH NO
 IT ISN'T...



WOW! THIS ONE'S
 LUGGING A
 BIG
 PEARL!

YES,
 AND HERE'S
 HIS TRAIL! LET'S
 FOLLOW
 IT!

WHY IT LEADS
 TO THIS OLD
 TREE TRUNK!

GOLLY!
 THERE'S THE
 WHOLE
 NECKLACE, A
 RADIO, A WATCH,
 A CAMERA...



-THAT'S MY SECRET HIDE-OUT FOR ALL
 THE SWELL PREMIUMS I EARNED SELLING
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 MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

GOSH!
 YOU
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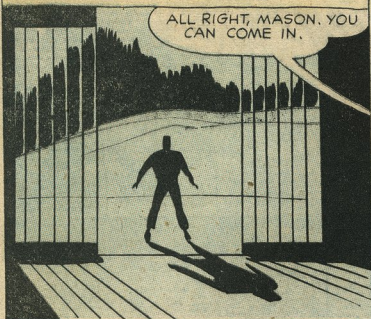






MASON WASN'T A KILLER, THEN. THERE WAS NO HATRED IN HIM, NO FALSE COURAGE. BUT THE HATRED WAS TO RETURN.

ALL RIGHT, MASON. YOU CAN COME IN.



YOU... YOU!
YOU— CAN
SEE ME,
HEAR ME!



I CAN SEE
YOU, MASON.

THEN—I'M ALIVE! I
WASN'T EXECUTED!



THAT'S RIGHT, MASON. YOU SEE, THE PRISON PHONED ME WHEN YOU GOT AWAY! AND I KNEW YOU'D COME AFTER ME. SO I ARRANGED A LITTLE ACT. I HAD THE TOWN PRETEND THAT IT DIDN'T SEE YOU. THAT WAY, I KNEW YOU'D HEAD BACK HERE, AND NO ONE IN TOWN WOULD GET HURT. NEXT, EH?



NEAT? IT WAS A JOKE, A GREAT JOKE. BUT MASON WAS NOT LAUGHING.

YOU... I'LL STILL GET
YOU! I'LL STILL PAY
YOU OFF...



NO, I'M AFRAID NOT, MASON. THE LAW SAYS THAT **YOU'RE** SUPPOSED TO PAY, TONIGHT. AND THE LAW—ALWAYS COLLECTS!



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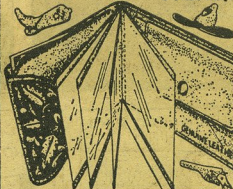
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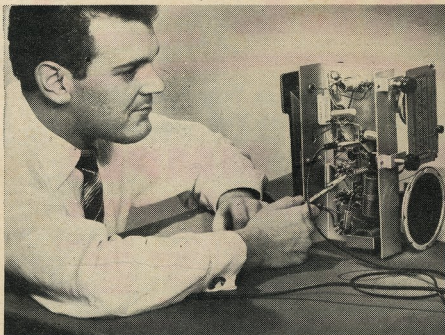
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